Setting up of Education Bank

2658. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has recently approved a proposal for setting up of an "Education Bank" in the country for providing loans to students belonging to economically weaker sections of the society;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether loans to students by the proposed bank would be given at concessional rates; and

(d) if so, the likely rate of interest to be charged by the proposed bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Guidelines for Tribal Sub Plan

2659. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL.
SHRI JAYANTILAL PAROT

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has issued guidelines for formulation, implementation and monitoring of Tribal Sub-Plan; and

(b) if so, the names of the departments which have issued and which have not issued the guidelines and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Planning Commission has issued guidelines to 62 Central Ministries/ Departments of Government of India for formulation, implementation, monitoring of Tribal Sub Plan in their Annual Plan 2007-08 and Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) on 13.12.2006 (list of the Ministries/Departments is given in Statement - I (*See* below). 10 Central Ministries/Departments have not been issued guidelines as Planning Commission is not allocating any funds directly for their Annual Plans and Five Year Plans (List of Ministries/Departments is given in Statement- I.